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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Progress Report - PESUCCESS for the Period 1-7 June 1954

I. Operational

The following events of operational significance occurred during the reporting period:

- A. [] arrived in Tegucigalpa on 30 May 1954, and has established contact with SKILLET and [] of the Honduran Air Force. [] has requested that an LCFLUTTER team be dispatched to Honduras in the near future as he is convinced that the sabotaging of Honduran Air Force planes is being done by someone within the Air Force rather than by an outsider.
- B. Allan N. REELFOOT and [] departed from Habana for Caracas on 4 June. [] is on a speech-making tour of South America.
- C. Cable traffic from [] indicates that [] is now ready to meet with a CALLIGERIS U. S. representative as soon as possible to discuss co-operation with the CALLIGERIS movement. However, there is considerable doubt as to the sincerity of the proposed meeting as JUVIA, who has arranged the meeting, was unable to arrange for [] to meet [] last March. It is also worthy to note that heretofore JUVIA has staunchly backed ERRATIC instead of CALLIGERIS.
- D. Nine black flights were accomplished during the period, all of which flew into [] and two of which flew into [] One sensitive cargo run was completed from Andrews Air Force base to Miami. ✓
- E. A cable from SKILLET indicated that a serious flap could have occurred when Tegucigalpa was not warned in advance of the arrival in Honduras of U.S. Congressman, Patrick J. HILLINGS and his party. On 4 June 1954, Patrick McMANION, Washington editor of Mercury Magazine, interviewed CALLIGERIS and extended an unofficial invitation to CALLIGERIS to visit the U.S. in July to present his case to the U.S. public. CALLIGERIS declined the invitation by pointing out that he was in exile and did not have the necessary documents for such travel. However, he did offer to select a good anti-Communist representative to make the trip. No operational matters were discussed at this meeting.

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- F. CALLIGERIS' meeting with Pedro ESTRADA, Chief of the Venezuelan Seguridad Nacional (SN) appears to have been successful, although no definite commitments were made by ESTRADA. CALLIGERIS asked for three P-51s and pilots. The planes would be based in Nicaragua and then returned to Venezuela after completion of the mission. ESTRADA stated that he would present the request to President PEREZ Jimenez of Venezuela and stated that an answer would be forthcoming in the near future. 7
- G. Franklin D. MALIER departed from Headquarters on 3 June for Lincoln for additional briefing prior to assuming his duties as []
- H. As pointed out in the Progress Report of 1 June 1954, the Guatemalan Government started what appears to be an extensive roll-up of the CALLIGERIS net in Guatemala. SEMANTIC, head of political intelligence, took asylum in the Ecuadoran Embassy and subsequently departed for Quito, Ecuador, via El Salvador where he was cursorily debriefed by SEQUIN. The head of military intelligence, SECANT, is planning to leave Guatemala in the near future and is in hiding at present. ESCOBILLA, the cutout for SECANT and SEMANTIC, believes himself to be uncontaminated and is still in touch with the Guatemala City Station. Some members of the SEMANTIC organization who sought asylum in the Salvadoran Embassy, together with SEMANTIC's brother, are at present in El Salvador. Press reports indicate that some members of the overt ESSENCE organization have been arrested or have taken political asylum. Various notes, maps, and codes, as yet not clearly identified, were seized by the Guatemalan authorities in a raid on SEMANTIC's home. The extent to which this material has compromised the SECANT/SEMANTIC/ESSENCE Groups has not as yet been determined. Replacements for SECANT and SEMANTIC are expected to be ready in a short time to resume operations. ✓
- I. On 2 June 1954, [] of WHD departed for Habana, Cuba, where he will again meet with the captain and crew of the MS ALPHEN for the purpose of evaluating sworn statements of stay-behind crew members who left the ship at Key West and were subsequently debriefed by the USCG Intelligence.
- J. To date cover facilities have not been found for Eliot P. RAZMARA. Cover Division is hesitant to lay on cover with a bona fide company for RAZMARA until such time as it is determined that he will be able to renew his tourist card in Guatemala. In the meantime, Headquarters has dispatched to Lincoln and Guatemala a list of [] who have representatives in Guatemala. It has been suggested that RAZMARA write to these companies requesting employment. RAZMARA's present vacation status in Guatemala is most insecure.

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K. []

- L. Under the K Program, [] has stated that it is his belief that Col. Jose Angel SANCHEZ, Guatemalan Minister of Defense, may be approachable. However, Graham L. PAGE has instructed [] not to make any further K Program overtures to either SANCHEZ or Enrique PARINELLO de Leon, Guatemalan Chief of Staff, since he feels that both these persons are in the position to contact SYNCARP elements if they so desire.

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